Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, with regard to the last two sentences of the answer to clauses (c) and (d), when the Government expect the arbitration to begin on the matter ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" In April."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" This year ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes."

Land Revenue

Alleged assault on one Kandan of Latteri by the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam.

*1453-A Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) whether soon after Mr. Gnanaprakasam was posted to act as Tahsildar of Gudiyattam he assaulted one Kandan of Latteri ;

(b) whether Toti Kandan filed a criminal complaint against the Tahsildar before the Sub-Magistrate, Gudiyattam ;

(c) how the case was disposed of ; and

(d) what notice was taken of the conduct of Mr. Gnanaprakasam in that connexion ?

A.—(a) to (d) A report will be called for.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I ask whether information has been received since this answer was given ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not so far as I am aware of, Sir."

Alleged assault of Toti Muthan by the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam

* 1453-B Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for a report regarding the assault made by Mr. Gnanaprakasam, Tahsildar, on Toti Muthan of Latteri in the North Arcot district in 1925 or 1926 and place the same on the Council table ?

A.—If the allegation in this question is the same as that in question No. 1453-A, the hon. Member is referred to the answer to that question. If this is a different case, a report will be called for and the question of placing papers on the table considered after such report shall have been received.

Alleged assault of a ryot at Katpadi by the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam.

* 1453-C Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have obtained the necessary particulars regarding the assault on a ryot at Katpadi by Mr. Gnanaprakasam till recently Tahsildar of Gudiyattam ;

(b) whether the Collector of North Arcot made any independent enquiry regarding the assault at Katpadi ;

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(c) whether the Tahsildar himself obtained a statement from the monigar of the village screening the tahsildar from complicity in the affair ;

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the connected papers on the table ;

(e) whether it is a fact that this same Tahsildar recommended for dismissal the karnam of the adjoining village of Kangayanallur who happened to be an eye-witness to the occurrence and got him dismissed ; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the District Collector restored the karnam to office seeing that the charges against him were groundless ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (e) & (f) An enquiry has been ordered and a report has been called for from the Collector of North Arcot on an affidavit communicated to the Government by the hon. Member which affidavit makes certain allegations against the Tahsildar. The allegations contained in clauses (c), (e) and (f) will also be communicated to the Collector for report.

(d) The request will be considered when the report has been received.

Public Service

Report of the committee to enquire into the grievances of non-gazetted officers.

* 1454 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the proposals of the Special Officer Mr. A. R. (afterwards Sir Arthur) Knapp regarding the disabilities of the non-gazetted services were placed before a Committee of the Legislative Council for consideration and report, and if so, when ;

(b) whether the Committee submitted a report on those proposals ; and

(c) if so, when ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Yes. In February 1921.

(b) & (c) The Committee submitted an ad interim report on the 1st March 1921. No further report was received by Government.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire what action was taken on the report of the Committee submitted on February 1921 ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I ask what steps were taken to obtain the final report ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" May I know if the Government will place before the House the specific reasons for taking no action on the report ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I did not say that no action was taken ; I just asked for notice of that question."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether certain recommendations of the Committee were not accepted by the Government ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I am sorry I cannot answer the question now ; I must ask for notice."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to take any action on the report now ? "